

MINUTES
SAN DIEGO COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
Regular Meeting – February 8, 2008
DPLU Hearing Room, 9:00 a.m.

The meeting convened at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

A. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Beck, Brooks, Day, Pallinger, Riess, Woods

Commissioners Absent: Kreitzer

Advisors Present: Taylor

Staff Present: Farace, Gibson, Johnston, Russell, Jones (recording secretary)

B. Statement of Planning Commission's Proceedings, Approval of Minutes for the Meeting of January 25, 2008

Action: Brooks - Pallinger

Approve the Minutes of January 25, 2008.

Ayes: 6 - Beck, Brooks, Day, Pallinger, Riess, Woods
Noes: 0 - None
Abstain: 0 - None
Absent: 1 - Kreitzer

C. Public Communication: Opportunity for members of the public to speak to the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction but not an item on today's Agenda.

Larry Johnson, vice-chairman of the Campo/Lake Morena Community Planning Group, discusses testimony he provided at the November 2, 2007 Planning Commission hearing on A Children's Village, during which a letter submitted by the chairwoman of the Planning Group was read. Mr. Johnson also discusses correspondence submitted to DPLU by the Planning Group and his dissatisfaction with the Planning/Sponsor Group coordinator's response to that correspondence. He requests that the Planning Commission clarify, in writing, the Planning Group vice-chairman's statements on November 2, 2007.

Administrative:

Action: Woods – Day

Staff is to prepare a letter from the Planning Commission to the Lake Morena-Campo Community Planning Group. This letter should address the statements made by Mr. Johnson to the Planning Commission on November 2, 2007, regarding correspondence submitted by the Campo/Lake Morena Planning Group Chairperson.

Ayes:	6 -	Beck, Brooks, Day, Pallinger, Riess, Woods
Noes:	0 -	None
Abstain:	0 -	None
Absent:	1 -	Kreitzer

D. Formation of Consent Calendar: Item 1 (continuance);

P05-006, Agenda Item 1:

1. **Verizon Wireless Telecommunications Facility; Major Use Permit P05-006, Lakeside Community Planning Area** (continued from January 11, 2008)

Requested Major Use Permit (P05-006) to authorize construction and operation of an unmanned wireless telecommunications facility consisting of nine panel antennas within three arrays, attached to an existing 38' tall water tank and an associated equipment shelter. Associated equipment will include three Compact Metrocell Outdoor (CMO) equipment cabinets, one electric meter panel, and one telephone interface. The project will occupy 336 square feet of the 0.78-acre parcel. The project site is subject to the Regional Land Use Element Policy 1.1, Current Urban Development Area (CUDA) and General Plan Land Use Designation (1) Residential. It is zoned RR1 (Rural Residential) which permits Wireless Telecommunications Facilities under the Tier 4 Classification with the approval of a Major Use Permit pursuant to Section 6985A of the Zoning Ordinance. The project site is located at 8602 Sky Rim Drive within the Lakeside Community Planning Area.

Staff Presentation: Johnston

Proponents: 1; **Opponents:** 0

The applicant's representative has requested a 30-day continuance to acquire the additional information requested by the Planning Commission at their January 11, 2008 meeting.

Action: Day – Pallinger

Continue consideration of Major Use Permit P05-006 to the meeting of March 7, 2008.

Ayes:	6 -	Beck, Brooks, Day, Pallinger, Riess, Woods
Noes:	0 -	None
Abstain:	0 -	None
Absent:	1 -	Kreitzer

Planning Commission Policy

PC-3, Agenda Item 2:

**2. PC Chair Rotation, Policy PC-3, Selection and Installation of Officers
(continued from January 11 and January 25, 2008)**

Discussion on Planning Commission Policy PC-3 and the annual Chairmanship rotation. Staff proposes amendments to this Policy to clean up existing language. This was continued to allow Staff to present to the Commission a Chairmanship rotation alternative which differs from the existing Policy PC-3.

Staff Presentation: Farace

Proponents: 0; **Opponents:** 0

Discussion:

Staff has provided three alternative Policies for the Planning Commission's review: the current Planning Commission Chair Rotation Policy; a draft Policy based on seniority; and a draft Policy based on the Commission's current practices.

Commissioner Woods sees no value in allowing new Commissioners to assume the responsibilities of chairmanship without first letting them obtain the experience required to conduct these sometimes complex and controversial hearings and workshops.

Commissioners Beck and Day acknowledge that the Commission has not strictly adhered to their existing Policy, and Commissioner Beck acknowledges that an exception to the Commission's current rotation practices was made in 2006, due to Commissioner Day's vast experience in land-use. Commissioner Beck reminds those in attendance that being a Planning Commissioner is a "learn on the job" position, requiring an incredible amount of knowledge on land-use, zoning, and technical issues, as well as experience in the public hearing process. If the current Policy remains in place, it could result in a series of inexperienced Commissioners becoming Chairmen. Commissioner Woods con-curs and points out that the level of expertise needed to adequately serve as Commission Chairman requires several years of public hearing experience and training. Commissioner Brooks reminds those in attendance that this is the reason newest Planning Commissioners always begin their service seated near County Counsel.

Planning Commission Policy

PC-3, Agenda Item 2:

Commissioner Day recommends that Staff prepare a rotation Policy based on current practices, but make an allowance for this year so that Commissioner Pallinger can assume the Vice-Chairman's seat.

Motion: Day –

Commissioner Riess will become the 2008 Planning Commission chairman and Commissioner Pallinger will serve as the 2008 Vice-Chairman.

This Motion fails due to lack of a Second.

Discussion:

Staff recommends that the Commission postpone any decision on these alternatives to Policy PC-3 for two weeks so that Staff can refine them.

Administrative:

E. Director's Report:

- **County Operations Center Development Plan**

Postponed to February 22, 2008.

- **Results from Board of Supervisors' hearing(s) of Items previously considered by the Planning Commission**

None.

F. Report on actions of Planning Commission's Subcommittees:

None.

G. Designation of member to represent the Planning Commission at Board of Supervisors meeting(s):

None.

H. Discussion of correspondence received by the Planning Commission:

None.

I. Scheduled Meetings:

February 22, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
March 7, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
March 21, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
April 4, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
April 18, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
May 2	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
May 16	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
May 30, 2008	Planning Commission Workshop, 9:00 a.m., DPLU

Administrative:

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June 13, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
June 27, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
July 11, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
July 25, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
August 8, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room
August 22, 2008	Regular Meeting, 9:00 a.m., DPLU Hearing Room

There being no further business to be considered at this time, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on February 22, 2008 in the DPLU Hearing Room, 5201 Ruffin Road, Suite B, San Diego, California.